(लाख मीटरी टन में)

राज्य	गेहूं (रबी विपणन मौसम)			चावल (चावल के संबंध में धान सहित) (खरीफ विपणन मौसम)	
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (1.7.1996 तक)	1994-95	1995-96 (1.7.96 तक)
चण्डीगढ़	—	—	—	0.23	—
दिल्ली	—	नग०	—	0.04	—
जोड़:	118.69	123.27	81.35	134.03	97.33

नग०—नगण्य: — 500 मीटरी टन से कम।

Secret ballot for Representation in Trade Union

804. SHR1 JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce secret ballot for verification of members of trade unions to determine representative character of trade union; and

(b) if so, by when a decision in this regard will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM}: (a) and (b) The Government has been discussing the proposal for introducing Secret Ballot for verification of the Members of Trade Unions in consultation with various Central Trade Unions, Employers Organisations and State Government, It is proposed to place the issue before the Standing Labour Council and the Indian Labour Conference at their next meeting to evolve a concensus approval.

Investment in Coal Sector

805. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal produced by underground mining and opencast mining during last two years, detail grade-wise;

(b) the details of investment made in the coal sector so far since its nationalisation;

(c) whether the achievements in production commensurate with the investment; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Coal production from underground and opencast mines of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL)

during the last two years had been as under:—

(million tonnes)

	1994-95	1995-96
Opencast	179.35	196.06
Underground	69.37	67.99
Total:	248.72	264.05

Grade-wise details are as under:—

(million tonnes)

	1994-95	1995-96
Coking Coal	37.44	34.63
Non-Coking		
Grade A	4.13	4.76
B	20.45	20.22
C	47.17	53.65
D	33.55	37.10
E	41.79	39.37
F	63.83	74.31
G	0.36	0.01
	211.28	229.42
Total:	248.72	264.05

(b) Investment made by CIL & SCCL since nationalisation upto 1995-96 is of the order of Rs. 22668.26 crores (provisional).

(c) and (d) According to CIL, over the years there has been steady improvement in the productivity of capital employed. The capital employed per tonne of production which was Rs. 342.50 in 1990-91 has come down to Rs. 255.90 per tonne (1990-91 prices) in 1995-96 as per provisional estimates, showing a significant improvement of 25.3% in capital productivity.

Restructuring of FIPB

806. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to restructure/revamp the Foreign Investment Promotion Board so as to encourage foreign investment, make the process of investment less painful, easier and more friendly for the NRI investors;

(b) whether Government have also decided to appoint an NRI Commission solely to look for NRI affairs; and

(c) if so, details thereof and by when the whole action is likely to be completed including issuing of guidelines which will govern all foreign investment proposals?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have recently reconstituted the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) which would ensure quick disposal of foreign invest-ment/NRI investment cases.

(b) There is no proposal under consi-deration in the Government to set up a separate NRI Commission solely to look after NRI affairs.

(c) The various policy initiative detailed in the Industrial Policy and other economic liberalisations announced by Government are aimed, *inter-alia* at making Indian Industry internationally competitive and India a destination for foreign investment. To achieve this, Government constantly reviews the policy frame-work amongst others for various categories & type of foreign investors & NRIs, various sectors etc., to make it more investor-friendly.

ग्रामीण और पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में आवश्यक वस्तुओं की अत्याधिक कमी

807. श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: